

REMARKS

There are 4 claims remaining in the application. New claims 7 and 8 are independent. Claims 6 and 7 are dependent from new claim 7.

In the July 2, 2004 Office Action, it was indicated that original claims 4, 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 4 has been rewritten as new independent claim 7. Claim 7 includes all of the limitations of original claims 1, 2, 3 and 4. It is submitted that new claim 7 is clearly allowable.

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to reflect dependency from new claim 7. It is submitted that claims 5 and 6 are clearly allowable.

New independent claim 8 contains the limitations of cancelled claims 1, 3 and 4. It is submitted that this claim is clearly patentable over the references of record.


In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all claims remaining in the instant application are clearly allowable.

WHEREFORE, reconsideration and early allowance are earnestly solicited.

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